



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Simple Communion Service
Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021



*Cross in the Sanctuary
at St. Luke's Church.*

We are so glad you are celebrating virtually with us the Second Sunday of Lent! Guests, friends, and family, please take the time to introduce yourself to us and to let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family, by contacting us at info@slecp.org.

Prelude

The Penitential Rite

Opening Hymn 455 vs. 1 & 2 *O Love of God, how strong and true*

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all that thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

Opening Acclamation: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *His mercy endures for ever.*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from the Book of Genesis

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 22:22-30

²²Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³*For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.*

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵*The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"*

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷*For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations.*

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹*My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.*

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the book of Romans

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 691 vs. 1 *My faith looks up to thee*



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and grieves a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark ✕ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

³¹Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his

disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn 691 vs. 3 *My faith looks up to thee (see page 3)*

Sermon

The Rev. Kimball Arnold

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form V

The Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, ***Lord, have mercy***

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Jennifer our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust especially our President and our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In thanksgiving for Nancy, Dennis, Andrew Dave, Christy, Roger, Charles, Jane, Sandra, John, Al, Ann, Jack and Donna for their birthdays and Jim & Terry and Neil & Jeanne for their anniversaries, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

The Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, *We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *grant us peace.*

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 484 vs. 1 *Praise the Lord through every nation*

1 Praise the Lord through ev - ery na - tion; his ho - ly arm hath wrought sal - va - tion; ex - alt him on his Fa - ther's throne. Praise your King, ye Chris - tian le - gions, who now pre - pares in heaven - ly re - gions un - fail - ing man - sions for his own: with

voice and min - strel - sy ex - tol his ma - jies -
 ty: Al - le - lu - ia! His praise shall sound all
 na - ture round, and hymns on ev - ery tongue a - bound.

Words: Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824); para. James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Special Dates this Week

Birthdays:

February 28: Nancy Reynolds

March 1: Dennis Houser, Andrew Sweeney, Dave Rothgery, Christy Hastings

March 2: Roger Messick, Roger Peacock, Charles Covert

March 3: Jane Peacock, Sandra Arquette

March 4: John Sanderson, Al Bjornstadt, Ann Brechwald

March 5: Jack Knudson

March 6: Donna Bledsoe

Anniversaries:

March 3: Jim & Terry Sceli

March 4: Neil & Jeanne Waterman

For Those In Need We Pray:

February Thanksgiving & Healing Prayers

For a Covid-19 vaccine that will put an end to this virus and for all those people affected by this pandemic.

Brandon & Nikki Reynolds.; Carol Glover; Etta Parson; Mark Tuttle; Sara Wiliman; Barbara Harber;

Vera Mulnix; Rich Staudt; Steven; Joan Hedger; Doug & Pat Ogburn; Jeanne Miller; Tim Salem, Ed

Ausmus, Riley Faith, Christina England, Greg & Mary Bowers, Gary Delisle; Jim & Jan Casacchia; Bill

Christy; Jean Ehlers; Larry Neece recovering at home; Larry Allen recovering from detached retina

surgery, Karen Kensing awaiting surgery; Deborah & the Delmastro Family, Kerry McClung

For those in our Armed Forces: Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante', Florian

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Nativity, Scottsdale

In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Prescott Area Shelter Services, Stagger Straight Emergency Shelter, St. Luke's Food Pantry

St. Luke's Episcopal Church welcomes you!

Vestry: George Chesney, *Senior Warden*; Don McKellar, *Junior Warden*; Bill Towne, *Treasurer*; Beth Parknowitz, *Clerk*; Leanne Bryan, Lloyd Needham, Nancy Reynolds, Paul Nelson, Roger Peacock, Ron Weiss, Don Martin, Kathy Pessin, Carol Sweeden, *members*.

Staff: Beth Parknowitz, *Parish Administrator*; Lauree Birchmeier, *Admin Assistant*, Dennis Houser, *Director of Music*; Sophie Buisson, *Children and Youth Director*; Helen Henderson, *Bookkeeper*; Alfonso Hernandez, *Sexton*; Kay Houser, *Organist*; John Euson, *Organist Assistant*.

Clergy: Pierre-Henry Buisson, *Rector*; Kimball Arnold; Chris Christy, *Deacons*.
Richard Lassiter; Jim & Susan Schubert; Jack Wolter, *Assisting priests*,

We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to role they play in the life of this region. Resolution #2016-3, of the 56th Diocesan Convention